



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS-855S and CMS-10527]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs

Division of Regulations Development

Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number _____

Room C4-26-05

7500 Security Boulevard

Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at Web Site address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>
2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William N. Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Contents

This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-855S Medicare Enrollment Application - Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers

CMS-10527 Annual Eligibility Redetermination, Product Discontinuation and Renewal Notices

Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection;
Title of Information Collection: Medicare Enrollment Application - Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) Suppliers; *Use:* The CMS-855S is submitted by an applicant to the National Supplier Clearinghouse Medicare Administrative Contractor (NSC MAC) to initially apply for a Medicare billing number, and thereafter to add a new business location, revalidate Medicare enrollment, reactivate Medicare enrollment, to report a change to current Medicare enrollment information, changing the tax identification number, and to voluntary terminate the supplier's Medicare enrollment, as applicable. It is used by new applicants as well as suppliers already enrolled in Medicare but need to submit the form for a reason other than initial enrollment into the Medicare program. *Form Number:* CMS-855S (OMB control number: 0938-

1056); *Frequency*: Yearly; *Affected Public*: Private Sector, Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents*: 135,351; *Total Annual Responses*: 44,757; *Total Annual Hours*: 265,471. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Kim McPhillips at 410-786-5374.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request*: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of information Collection*: Annual Eligibility Redetermination, Product Discontinuation and Renewal Notices; *Use*: Section 1411(f)(1)(B) of the Affordable Care Act directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish procedures to redetermine the eligibility of individuals on a periodic basis in appropriate circumstances. Section 1321(a) of the Affordable Care Act provides authority for the Secretary to establish standards and regulations to implement the statutory requirements related to Exchanges, qualified health plans (QHPs) and other components of title I of the Affordable Care Act. Under section 2703 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), as added by the Affordable Care Act, and former section 2712 and section 2741 of the PHS Act, enacted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, health insurance issuers in the group and individual markets must guarantee the renewability of coverage unless an exception applies.

The final rule “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Annual Eligibility Redeterminations for Exchange Participation and Insurance Affordability Programs; Health Insurance Issuer Standards Under the Affordable Care Act, including Standards Related to Exchanges” (79 FR 52994), provides that an Exchange may choose to conduct the annual redetermination process for a plan year (1) in accordance with the existing procedures described in 45 CFR 155.335; (2) in accordance with procedures described in guidance issued by the Secretary

for the coverage year; or (3) using an alternative proposed by the Exchange and approved by the Secretary.

The final rule also amends the requirements for product renewal and re-enrollment (or non-renewal) notices to be sent by QHP issuers in the Exchanges and specifies content for these notices. The guidance document “Updated Federal Standard Renewal and Product Discontinuation Notices” (published on July 19, 2018) provides standard notices for product discontinuation and renewal to be sent by issuers of individual market QHPs and issuers in the individual market. Issuers in the small group market may use the draft federal standard small group notices released in the June 26, 2014 bulletin “Draft Standard Notices When Discontinuing or Renewing a Product in the Small Group or Individual Market”, or any forms of the notice otherwise permitted by applicable laws and regulations. States that are enforcing the guaranteed renewability provisions of the Affordable Care Act may develop their own standard notices for product discontinuances, renewals, or both, provided the state-developed notices are at least as protective as the federal standard notices. *Form Number:* CMS-10527 (OMB control number 0938-1254); *Frequency:* Annually; *Affected Public:* Private Sector, State Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 1,805; *Total Annual Responses:* 7,420; *Total Annual Hours:* 90,331. For policy questions regarding this collection contact Usree Bandyopadhyay at 410-786-6650.

Dated: July 5, 2019.

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